

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- mb k1
1. (Five times amended) An adjuvant composition comprising:
- (1) a metabolizable oil and
 - (2) an emulsifying agent, wherein said oil and said emulsifying agent are present in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion having oil droplets substantially all of which are less than 1 micron in diameter and wherein said composition exists in the absence of any polyoxypropylene-polyoxyethylene block copolymer and in the absence of any muramyl peptide, and further wherein said adjuvant composition is capable of increasing the immune response to an antigen when administered with the antigen.

Please add the following new claim:

- mb k2
- 37. (New) The composition of Claim 1, further comprising a selected antigen.--

Remarks

Introductory Comments:

Claims 1-9, 29 and 36 were examined in the Office Action dated August 15, 1997 and rejected under (1) 35 USC §102(b), as anticipated (claims 1, 5, 6 and 9); and (2) 35 USC §103, as obvious (claims 1-9, 29 and 36). These rejections are believed to be overcome in part by the above amendments and are otherwise traversed for the reasons discussed below.